

1 **CLAIMS**

2 We claim:

3 1. A method for storing and encrypting one or more sequences of characters within a
4 geometric grid positioned on a device, comprising;

5 a) choosing a master code sequence of characters;

6 b) placing said master code sequence of characters within said geometric grid so
7 that the correct order of said characters is not readily apparent;

8 c) selecting one sequence of characters representing information to be stored and
9 encrypted; and

10 d) placing said sequence of characters within said geometric grid such that the
11 correct order of said sequence is not readily apparent and such that the location of
12 each character of said sequence in the geometric grid has a predetermined
13 relationship to the location of at least one character of said master code sequence
14 of characters.

15 2. A device for storing, encrypting, and retrieving data comprising;

16 a) a card with a surface that is capable of being imprinted with characters by a
17 user; and

18 b) at least one geometric grid containing a plurality of graphic boxes for accepting
19 characters imprinted or otherwise affixed to the surface of said card.

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- 1 3. A device for storing, encrypting, and retrieving data comprising;
- 2 a) a card with a surface that is capable of being imprinted with characters by a
- 3 user; and
- 4 b) at least one geometric grid containing a plurality of graphic boxes for accepting
- 5 characters imprinted or otherwise affixed to the surface of said card; and
- 6 c) a sleeve that covers said card and allows said card to move within it.

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